

SO ORDERED



ROBERT A. GORDON
U. S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
at Baltimore**

In re:

Jadesola Rosemary Orafidiya

Debtor

Case No. 11-34854-RAG
Chapter 7

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State of Maryland DLLR

Plaintiff

v.

Adversary No. 12-00215-RAG

Jadesole Rosemary

Defendant

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ORDER DENYING MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion to Approve Settlement (Dkt. No. 14), filed May 14, 2012. As required by Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002(a)(3), on May 14, 2012, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Motion for Approved Settlement in the main bankruptcy case (Dkt. No. 14, Case No. 11-34854) (Notice). However, the Notice fails utterly to conform to the

requirements of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2002-1(b) regarding content of a notice. Most significantly, Plaintiff has not included “sufficient information to enable a party in interest to make a reasonably well-informed decision whether to object to the action proposed in the notice.” LBR 2002-1(b). Further the Notice is lacking statements 1) of the date by when objections must be filed, 2) that the proposed action may be authorized without further order or notice if no timely objection is filed, 3) that the court, in its discretion, may conduct a hearing or determine the matter without a hearing regardless of whether an objection is filed, and 4) that an objection must state the facts and legal grounds on which the objection is based. Lacking this content, a notice cannot fulfill its essential function of informing interested parties of the action the applicant has requested and what a party can do to protect its rights.

If the Plaintiff should wish to re-file and re-notice his Motion, Appendix A of the Local Bankruptcy Rules contains several form notices. While none of the form notices are apropos to Plaintiff’s Motion, they demonstrate the kind of information that should be included in a notice.

For failure to serve a notice that conforms to the Local Bankruptcy Rules, it is, by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland, hereby,

ORDERED, that Plaintiff’s Motion to Approve Settlement is denied.

cc: Plaintiff’s Counsel
Defendant
Defendant’s Counsel
Trustee

End of Order